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SUBJECT: SENSITIVE IRS INVESTIGATION

REFS: (A) STATE 134962; (B) STATE 13671

1. THE EMBASSY IS SURPRISED AT THE NEW COURSE OF ACTION PROPOSED BY IRS TO WHICH DEPARTMENT HAS NOT OBJECTED. REFTTEL A DOES NOT EXPLAIN WHY IRS NOW INTENDS TO MAKE REQUEST TO INTERVIEW WITNESSES THROUGH FRG FINANCE MINISTRY (FMOF) RATHER THAN DOING SO DIRECTLY AS PROPOSED IN THE LETTER SENT DIRECTLY TO THE WITNESSES, TEXT OF WHICH WAS CONTAINED IN REFTTEL A.

2. LETTER SENT STATED THAT THE SUGGESTION FOR INTER-VIEWS WAS MADE DIRECTLY, RATHER THAN INDIRECTLY THROUGH CORRESPONDENCE WITH GERMAN TAX AUTHORITIES, IN THE INTEREST OF EXPEDITIOUSNESS. ADDITIONAL, UNMENTIONED REASON WAS, OF COURSE, THAT DIRECT REQUESTS WOULD NOT NECESSARILY INVOLVE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES AND THE CHANCE THAT THE REQUESTS MIGHT THUS AVOID POSSIBLE EMBARRASSMENT TO PROSPECTIVE INTERVIEWEES AS THEY PROCEED THROUGH FEDERAL AND LAENDER AUTHORITIES, SOME OF THEM WITH PRIMARILY SPD STAFF.

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3. IF AN OVERRIDING REASON EXISTS FOR THE SWITCH FROM THE DIRECT CONTACTS ALREADY INITIATED TO USE OF OFFICIAL CHANNELS THE EMBASSY CONSIDERS THAT AT THE VERY LEAST IT WOULD BE AN ESSENTIAL COURTESY TO ALL PROSPECTIVE WITNESSES THAT THEY BE INFORMED DIRECTLY BY IRS OR ITS BONN REP, AND BEFORE THEY ARE APPROACHED BY THE FMOF, THAT THE

GROUND RULES FOR THE PROPOSED INTERVIEWS HAVE CHANGED
AND WHY THIS IS SO. SUCH LETTERS SHOULD PROBABLY
READ DIFFERENTLY FOR THOSE WITNESSES THAT HAVE
EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO MEET WITH EMBASSY IRS REP
THAN FOR THOSE THAT HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO APRIL LETTER.

4. ALTHOUGH IRS REP HAS INSTRUCTIONS FROM IRS
WASHINGTON TO PROCEED WITH STEPS OUTLINED IN PARA 4
OF REFTEL A AND WITHOUT DISCUSSING THE MATTER WITH
THE EMBASSY, THE EMBASSY HAS TOLD HIM TO DELAY THESE
STEPS UNTIL A RESPONSE TO THIS CABLE IS RECEIVED.
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